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Hi Gordon,

I am writing to you instead of phoning, because I want to ask something of you, and by writing it will give you time to think about it before you respond.

I was talking to John Saywell about your notes, and we agreed that they would make excellent additions to our collection of historic items and documents, if you don't want to keep them any longer. In Adelaide John has amassed a huge collection of memorabilia, much to his wife Moira's displeasure. When I was doing my research for the HO RM history which I published last year, I collected 1,400 copies of documents from Australian Archives in Canberra. These are now part of John's collection.

So, please have a think about this, and if you want to keep the notes, let me know and I'll post them back to you pronto.

As a matter of interest, for this Naval Historical Society project I am working on, I have put together 25 draft articles plus an Introduction, all totalling 26,596 words. Twenty two people, you included, have contributed material, some a little and some a lot. I am optimistic that during the next 2 – 3 months I'll complete the project with about 35 articles.

Cheers,